**Setting up of Independent Drug Control Body**

161. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Conference of the Indian Pharmacy Association held in the Capital recently;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made at this conference; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider the suggestion to set up an independent drug control body for better monitoring of drug production quality and price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The XIth Annual Conference of the Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association was held on 11th February, 1989 in the Capital.

(b) The recommendations made by the Conference are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Government has constituted a High Powered Group under the Chairmanship of the Health Minister, Government of Maharashtra to examine the restructuring of the Drug Control Organisation in the Centre and States with special reference to setting up of a National Drug Control Authority.

**Statement**

(1) There should be a separate and independent Directorate of Drugs Control Administration at the Centre and State level.

(2) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules should be amended to the effect that only Pharmacy qualified persons are permitted to manufacture and test the drugs.

(3) Every State should have its own drug testing laboratory.

(4) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules should be amended to make it compulsory that compounding, dispensing and sale of drugs is done only by a registered pharmacist instead of under the supervision of a qualified person.

(5) (a) Evrey hospital should have an independent Department of Pharmacy under the charge of Chief Pharmacist.

(b) Every district hospital should have an I.V. Fluid manufacturing unit.

(c) A post of Dy. Director, Pharmacy should be created in Directorate General of Health Services and State Directorate of Health Services.

(6) A cadre of pharmaceutical services be created in order to promote availability and promotional avenues for the pharmacists.

**Outbreak of Kala-azar in the Country**

162. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kala-azar continues to claim lives in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to contain the outbreak of Kala-azar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Kala-azar is a major public health problem in 27 districts in the State of Bihar and 8 districts in West Bengal. The population exposed to risk in the endemic areas is about 44 million. The number of cases and deaths reported in the State of Bihar and West Bengal

during the last three years is as under:—

| | Bihar | | West Bengal | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cases | Deaths | Cases | Deaths |
| 1986 | 14079 | 47 | 3718 | 25 |
| 1987 | 19179 | 77 | 4447 | 10 |
| 1988 (Prov.) | 19639 | 123 | 3068 | 2 |

Sporadic cases have also been reported from Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Jammu & Kashmri.

The control measures for Kala-azar consist of the following:—

(i) Indoor residual spraying with insecticides (DDT) to interrupt transmission.

(ii) Health Education for disease prevention through improvement of general sanitation in and around the house to eliminate breeding ground of sandfly.

(iii) Case detection and management of all patients.

**Replacement of Overtime Allowance by Extra-Work Allowance**

163. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 692 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government have since worked out the modalities for implementing the decision to replace the present system of overtime allowance by a system of grant of extra-work allowance;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The modalities are in the process of finalisation for early implementation. Their formulation involved inter-departmental consultations with major Departments employing Operational Staff besides Ministry of Finance.

**Appointment of pool officers**

164. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of scientists or pool officers appointed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research during the last three years; and

(b) the amount of emoluments paid to these pool officers and what was the rate of emoluments five years ago?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) During the last 3 years from 1986—88, 1052 Pool Officers joined the Pool.

(b) These Pool Officers were placed in the basic salary groups ranging from Rs. 2200—6300 per month depending upon their qualifications, experience, papers published and performance in the interview.